



Gairmscoil na Mainistreach

ABBAY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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Principal: Geraldine Diver

24th September 2015.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the recent selection process it is proposed that this year's senior educational tour will be to Barcelona, Spain. Final dates and cost will be determined when the itinerary is complete.

An initial deposit of €150 must be paid immediately in order to secure flights at the most competitive rates and I propose collecting these deposits by Wednesday, 30th September (please return with application form). You are probably aware of the way in which Ryanair and Aer Lingus operate – the deposit will be non-refundable.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque, made payable to Co. Donegal ETB and will be collected in three parts: the initial deposit of €150 (flights) by Wednesday 30th September, a second deposit of €150 (hotel) by Monday 26th October and the balance by Monday 11th January. Please pay all money at the office.

As stated in the application letter each student's behavioural record in the school will determine whether or not he/she will be accepted to travel as part of the group. On receipt of the deposits, the students' records will be checked and should a problem arise the deposit immediately returned.

The tour price is based on bringing **hand luggage only** – please add €30 to the price if you wish to bring checked in luggage. I also intend to organise some fundraising later in the year which will contribute towards travel costs to and from the airport - last year the fundraising raffle allowed for €25 to be deducted from the overall price. The tour price includes breakfast, evening meals and entrance fees to all activities - I will issue a detailed list of all that is covered when the itinerary is finalised.

I propose meeting parents of all students travelling on the tour at a later date. I will inform you of that date in due course and it is essential that at least one parent of each student attends this meeting.

Yours faithfully,

M.Leyden (Tour Organiser)